

***New law will support three million American jobs***

**Winona, MN**— Today, Congressman Tim Walz and a bipartisan coalition of local business and community leaders held a press conference at CHS in Winona to tout the new two-year transportation bill that will put our construction workers back to work and allow our small businesses and communities to plan for the future.

**“Compromise and common purpose is the glue that holds us together,”** said Walz. **“This new highway bill provides funding for MnDOT to invest in repairing our crumbling roads and bridges. Make no mistake about it, repairing our roads and bridges helps local businesses become more efficient by making it easier for them to move their goods throughout the country and compete in the world market. At the same time, it puts southern Minnesotans back to work helping build a more prosperous, safer future for our children.”**

Walz continued, **“And the Winona Bridge is a perfect example of a bridge that is in desperate need of repair. I’m encouraged by recent progress on the bridge and optimistic that efforts to bring local, state and federal officials to the table will produce a four-lane fix that will meet the needs of citizens and businesses in Winona.”**

**“I appreciate Congressman Walz’s commitment to rebuilding our roads and bridges in southern Minnesota,”** said Winona Mayor Jerry Miller. **“The Congressman’s unrelenting support has been invaluable in our efforts to obtain the best solution that will meet the community and states needs as it relates to the Winona Bridge. I am very optimistic that the recent progress will produce a result that works for everyone.”**

The new two-year transportation bill will create or save three million American jobs and give local small businesses, construction workers, and communities the certainty they need to plan for the future.

Walz’s work was pivotal in working towards bipartisan agreement on a new transportation bill. He [introduced legislation](#) that directed the transportation conference committee to resolve their

differences and bring forward a new, bipartisan transportation bill. This motion passed by a vote of 386-34. Before its passage, [negotiations were at a standstill](#). After the Walz bill passed, conference committee leaders announced that an agreement had been reached.

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